

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND)
ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE LAND PURCHASE ACTS,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF AUGUST, 1897.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of August, 1897; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.--FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st July, 1897,	188,314		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of August, 1897,	144	188,458	By Chief Commission to 31st July, 1897,	1,383	
			" in month of August, 1897,	—	1,383
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st July, 1897,	9,989				
Do. in month of Aug., 1897,	—	9,989	By Sub-Commissions to 31st July, 1897,	161,195	
			" in month of Aug., 1897,	—	161,195
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1897," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st July, 1897,	29,593				
Applications received in month of August, 1897,	15	29,596			
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rents (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 31st July, 1897,	1,065		Dismissed—		
" received in August, 1897,	10	1,065	To 31st July, 1897,	8,268	
			In month of August, 1897,	—	8,268
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st July, 1897,	1,435				
Do. in month of Aug., 1897,	—	1,435	Struck out—		
			To 31st July, 1897,	35,590	
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1886, to 31st July, 1897,	234		In month of August, 1897,	—	35,590
do. in month of Aug., 1897,	7	241	Withdrawn—		
			To 31st July, 1897,	14,613	
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1895," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st July, 1897,	20		In month of August, 1897,	—	14,613
Do. in month of Aug., 1897,	—	20			
Total,	—	230,794	Total disposed of,	—	234,036

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rents, Table (X.), page 7.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications or leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st July, 1897,	19,159	19,739	Rents fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st July, 1897,	53	53
Applications received in month of August, 1897,	561		" in month of August, 1897,	—	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st July, 1897,	1,023	1,024	By Sub-Commissions to 31st July, 1897,	5,962	5,962
Do. in month of August, 1897,	1		" in month of August, 1897,	—	
			Dismissed— To 31st July, 1897,	136	136
			In month of August, 1897,	—	
			Struck out— To 31st July, 1897,	1,353	1,352
			In month of August, 1897,	—	
			Withdrawn*— To 31st July, 1897,	169	169
			In month of August, 1897,	—	
Total,	—	30,744	Total disposed of,	—	7,071

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st July, 1897,	119,344
Do, do, in month of August, 1897,	159
Total,	119,703

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 31st July, 1897,	1,923
Do, do, in month of August, 1897,	153
Total,	2,076

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st July, 1897,	1,563	1,569	Number disposed of to 31st July, 1897,	2,454
Applications received in month of August, 1897,	7		" in month of August, 1897,	2
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st July, 1897,	38	38		
Do, in month of August, 1897,	—			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 35) received to 31st July, 1897,	1,051	1,051		
Applications in month of August, 1897,	—			
Total,	—	2,658	Total disposed of,	2,456

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSOR OR GRANTOR TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 50.

Number of Applications received to 31st February, 1888,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st July, 1897,	32	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	22
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st July, 1897,	30	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or commuted to 31st July, 1897,	3	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	3
Total,	55	Total disposed of,	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 1st February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 53.

Number of Applications received to 31st July, 1897,	17	Applications granted to 31st July, 1897,	3	
" in month of August, 1897,	—	" in month of August, 1897,	—	2
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st July, 1897,	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st July, 1897,	9	
" in month of August, 1897,	—	" in month of August, 1897,	—	9
	3	Applications withdrawn to 31st July, 1897,	3	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	3
Total,	—	Total disposed of,	—	14

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 31st July, 1897,	4,260	Rents fixed to 31st July, 1897,	3,751	
" in August, 1897,	—	" in August, 1897,	—	3,751
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st July, 1897,	376	
		" in August, 1897,	—	376
Total,	4,260	Total disposed of,	—	4,127

VI.—APPEALS *re* FAIR RENTS, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st July, 1897,	46,375	Number heard to 31st July, 1897,	23,500	
" in month of August, 1897,	210	" in month of August, 1897,	—	23,500
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st July, 1897,	801	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st July, 1897,	21,112	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	21,112
		Total Number disposed of,	—	45,463
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	1,122
Total,	46,585	Total,	—	46,585

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 31st July, 1897,	3,390	Number heard to 31st July, 1897,	776	
" in month of August, 1897,	442	" in month of August, 1897,	—	776
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st July, 1897,	—	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	
		Number withdrawn to 31st July, 1897,	460	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	460
		Total Number disposed of,	—	1,236
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	2,592
Total,	3,738	Total,	—	3,738

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1835 & 1838.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st July, 1897,	29,622	11,447,095
" in month of August, 1897,	14	4,933
	29,636	11,452,028
Deduct Applications refused,	3,813	1,456,977
	25,823	9,995,051
Loans sanctioned to 31st July, 1897,	25,809	9,987,571
Loans sanctioned in month of August, 1897,	14	4,933
	25,823	9,992,504
Loans issued to 31st July, 1897,	25,347	9,966,702
Loans issued in month of August, 1897,	14	4,933
	25,361	9,971,635

VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891 AND 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st July, 1897,	13,183	£ 4,140,034		£
„ in August, 1897,	375	107,590		
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st July, 1897,	2,939	705,312	13,538	4,347,614
Less applications since withdrawn,	33	8,280		
Loans applied for in month of August, 1897,	2,906	750,032		
	18	3,970	2,924	754,002
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st August, 1897,	—	—	16,462	5,001,616
Less applications refused to 31st August, 1897,	687	227,591		
„ „ in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st August, 1897,	954	244,663	1,643	562,554
Loans sanctioned to 31st July, 1897,	9,763	3,148,024	14,819	4,439,042
„ in August, 1897,	115	37,161		
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st July, 1897,	1,706	447,261	9,680	3,185,185
„ in August, 1897,	—	—	1,706	447,261
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st August, 1897,	—	—	11,586	3,632,446
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 31st August, 1897,	107	47,757		
„ in cases of Purchase of Estates, by Order of Court to 31st August, 1897,	131	52,585	238	104,342
Loans issued to 31st July, 1897,	7,959	2,604,561	11,348	3,532,104
„ in August, 1897,	71	12,289		
„ in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st July, 1897,	1,404	352,405	8,030	2,613,850
„ in August, 1897,	34	5,653		
„ in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 31st July, 1897,	63	68,654	1,438	358,058
„ in August, 1897,	—	—	63	68,654
pursuant to Sec. 43 of the Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896, to 31st July, 1897,	1	1,250		
in August, 1897,	—	—	1	1,250
			9,532	3,041,812

IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 31st July, 1897,	1,315	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st July, 1897,	148	
„ in August, 1897,	6	Number received in August, 1897,	—	148
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st July, 1897,	1,055	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of August, 1897,	10	1,065
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consent has not expired,	—	1,213
Total,	1,321	Total,	—	1,221

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF AUGUST, 1897.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of August, 1897.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st July, 1897,	30,794		Rents fixed to 31st July, 1897,	17,901	
Applications received in month of August, 1897,	18		" in month of August, 1897,	—	17,901
		30,812	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st July, 1897,	3,922	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st July, 1897,	4,276		" in month of August, 1897,	—	3,922
Applications received in month of August, 1897,	2		Applications withdrawn* to 31st July, 1897,	477	
		4,278	" in month of August, 1897,	—	477
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st July, 1897,	2,455		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st July, 1897,	11,414	
Applications received in month of August, 1897,	—		" in month of August, 1897,	—	11,414
		2,455	Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1886," to 31st July, 1897,	49	
Applications received in month of August, 1897,	1		transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 31st July, 1897,	20	
		50	" in month of Aug., 1897,	—	30
Total,	—	57,596	Total disposed of,	—	33,334

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st July, 1897,	1,886		Rents fixed to 31st July, 1897,	386	
Applications received in month of August, 1897,	55		" in month of August, 1897,	—	386
			Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st July, 1897,	25	
			" in month of August, 1897,	—	25
			Applications withdrawn* to 31st July, 1897,	21	
			" in month of August, 1897,	—	21
			Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st July, 1897,	1,033	
			" in month of August, 1897,	1	1,034
Total,	1,941		Total disposed of,	—	1,436

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st July, 1897, . . .	7,283
Do, do, in month of August, 1897, . . .	1
Total,	7,284

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 31st July, 1897, . . .	44
Do, do, in Month of August, 1897, . . .	—
Total,	44

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st July, 1897, . . .	591		Number disposed of to 31st July, 1897, . . .	325	
Applications received in month of August, 1897, . . .	1		" in month of August, 1897, . . .	—	325
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 53) received to 31st July, 1897, . . .	3	392	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st July, 1897, . . .	37	
Applications received in month of August, 1897, . . .	—		Transferred in month of August, 1897, . . .	—	37
Total,	—	395	Total disposed of, . . .	—	362

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2)—FORM 50.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st July, 1897, . . .	—	
		" in month of August, 1897, . . .	—	—
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st July, 1897, . . .	6	
		" in month of August, 1897, . . .	—	6
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st July, 1897, . . .	—	
		" in month of August, 1897, . . .	—	—
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court, to 31st July, 1897, . . .	—	
		" in month of August, 1897, . . .	—	—
Total,	6	Total disposed of, . . .	—	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING
UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 33.

Number of Applications received to 31st July 1897,	22	Applications granted to 31st July, 1897,	3	
" in month of August, 1897,	—	" in month of August, 1897,	—	3
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st July, 1897,	4	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	4
		Applications withdrawn to 31st July, 1897,	1	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	1
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st July, 1897,	3	
		" in month of August, 1897,	—	3
Total,	22	Total disposed of,	—	11

Irish Land Commission, }
13th October, 1897. }

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